

BARNES'S HANDS OFF SPEAKERSHIP

Republican Leader Feels
He Should Not Inter-
fere in Caucus.

CHOICE MAY FALL
ON H. J. HINMAN

Minority Leader Sure of Forty
Votes—Chairman Will Resent
Move to Oust Him.

Chairman Barnes, of the Republican State Committee, said last night that he would keep his hands entirely off the selection of a Speaker of the Assembly. He holds that it was entirely proper and not unnatural that members of the Republican party such as Ogden L. Mills and Henry L. Stimson should interest themselves in the selection of a Speaker, if they chose. However, he deprecated any factional fight over the matter which might jeopardize the harmonious working of the Republican majority in the Assembly.

Although he believes it to be his duty as state chairman to see that all the Assemblymen elected as Republicans should go into the caucus of the party, he does not think, he asserted, that he should interfere with the action of that caucus.

Why he should be classed as unprogressive, Mr. Barnes does not see. He has told his friends that his record at the recent meeting of the national committee in fighting for an extraordinary national convention in accordance with the wishes of the last state convention, which was controlled by the progressives, ought to be sufficient evidence that he is not the reactionary that he is called.

Will Fight Any Ouster Plan.

"They charge me with not being a progressive," said the chairman. "I have never said I was not a progressive. The only thing they can charge against me in that connection is that I was the man who defeated Roosevelt in 1912. If we are going to let the opposition party tell us how to run the organization we might as well go out of business."

Some persons have told Mr. Barnes that those opposed to his leadership are going to try and depose him as state chairman before the election of a new committee under the recently passed primary law. He holds that there is no valid reason to attempt this, except a desire on the part of some to secure the power that goes with the state leadership. He will resist any such activity, and has told his friends that on any question of retiring him from the chairmanship he would have every member of the committee except five with him.

He holds that he was asked to assume the leadership by Senator Root and others, who have approved of his course. The friends of the chairman say that under the law increasing the size of the state committee to 150 Mr. Barnes would have trouble in being elected chairman of the new committee.

Certain persons who have canvassed the situation asserted yesterday that Assemblyman Harold J. Hinman, who has been minority leader of that body, would be able to get forty votes in the Republican caucus, which would be more than enough to control it.

Some Backing for Hinman.

Hinman's friends do not believe enough members would remain out of the caucus to secure the election of any other Republican for Speaker by the Assembly.

Although only seventy-nine members of the new Assembly have reported themselves to the clerk as Republicans, Mr. Barnes insists that there will actually be eighty-one Republicans.

"I assume," he said, "that in the natural course of events these men will meet and determine upon their organization. They can't meet to do business unless they are organized. I also assume, knowing the party responsibilities so clearly expressed at the Waldorf conference, that they will realize that their record will be the basis on which the party will be tested. It will be their duty to elect the best man among them Speaker."

Won't Try to Dictate Speaker.

Mr. Barnes said he did not consider he had any function to perform in connection with the election of a Speaker, and added:

"I shall not permit myself to commit the inpropriety of asking any member to vote for anybody, and if I did I would expect them to resent it."

Asked if he had anything to say about the activities of Mr. Mills and other progressive members of the party on the Speakership problem, the chairman said:

"I see no reason why Mr. Mills or any other man should not be active in public matters. If they have any other purposes in the situation other than what they think is to the best interests of the Republican party, I am not aware of them. If such activities are resented and trouble results from them, I know of no way in which I can prevent it."

Speaking of the task before the Republican organization in the Assembly, Mr. Barnes said:

"The great thing before the Republican Assembly is to cut down the expenses of the state. That body has absolute power to shut off appropriations, which have grown enormously under Dix and Sulzer. If the new Assembly does not do this it fails in its manifest duty. I assume that any man elected to the power of the Speakership—as it has had power up to date—will keep down appropriations."

Father Must Go to Work Now.
Magistrate Breen released Peter Reliv in the Morrisania court yesterday when

the man promised that he would not visit his family any more. The wife and daughters of the prisoner testified that he refused to work and lived on the slender means which they earned. They said that he had been sent to jail on short sentences many times, but that after being freed he became the usual burden each time. Reliv promised that he would go away and get a job and not molest his family in future.

KINGS PLEDGED TO HOFF

Republican Assemblymen-Elect
for Him as Speaker.

The Republican Assemblymen-elect of Kings County met at the Clarendon Hotel, Brooklyn, last night and pledged their support to Altmann W. Hoff, of the 18th Assembly District, for Speaker of the Assembly. Mr. Hoff's boom was launched at the meeting of the Republican Assemblymen-elect at Republican headquarters in Brooklyn about three weeks ago.

F. J. H. Kracke, former Naval Officer of New York, is leader of Hoff's district, and by the present move is on the way to increase his power materially in the Republican camp. The agreement on Mr. Hoff by the Brooklyn delegation is taken as evidence of a strong anti-Barnes feeling on their part, though Altmann W. Burlingame said after the meeting last night that their action was not to be interpreted as evincing opposition to any one person.

Meetings will be held by the Kings County Assemblymen-elect each week to report progress, and the individuals are pledged to work for Hoff's cause meanwhile. There are seventy-nine Republicans in the new Assembly, out of a total of 150 members. Twenty-five of them have already been enrolled on Hoff's side. Among the other candidates for Speaker are Harold Hinman, of Albany County, Chairman Barnes's choice; J. L. Sullivan, Chautauque; Alexander McDonald, Franklin; Clinton T. Horton, Erie; Thaddeus T. Sweet, Oswego, and Andrew P. Murray, New York.

MITCHELL BACK, STILL SILENT ON CABINET

Would Be Glad to Take Wil-
son's Advice, but Won't
Say He Asked It.

John Purroy Mitchell, on his return from President Wilson's Cabinet dinner in Washington yesterday, maintained his policy of absolute silence on appointments and the progress he was making on his side. He would not say he had discussed appointments with the President, but did say: "I would be glad to take his advice on any matter. Who wouldn't?"

It is a certainty that Mr. Mitchell is still in a quandary over his Police Commissioner. That he has tentatively selected men for City Chamberlain and Corporation Counsel was reported yesterday, but Mr. Mitchell would give no confirmation to the rumor.

After Mr. Mitchell reached the city, at 2 o'clock, he spent a busy afternoon at his office in the Liberty Tower. Job E. Hedges, whose advice he values highly, spent some time with him. Other callers were Borough President Pounds of Brooklyn, Franklin Chase Hoyt, Justice of Special Sessions, Alderman H. H. Curran, and Commissioner Leavitt of the Health Department.

"It has no significance," said Mr. Mitchell, referring to the visit of Commissioner Lederle. "I simply wanted to talk to him about some of the problems in the Health Department."

Mr. Mitchell laughed heartily at a story that he had asked Milo R. Maltbie, of the Public Service Commission, to become Commissioner of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity. He intimated that it was without foundation. Mr. Maltbie is a close personal friend of Mr. Mitchell, but his present salary as Public Service Commissioner, which has more than a year to run, is twice what a Commissioner in the city service pays.

As a matter of fact, Commissioner Maltbie wants to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and it is believed Mr. Mitchell has recommended his appointment.

TRICK ON TAMMANY HALL

Stamped 'Fair Play' Pamphlets
Dumped in a Cellar.

It was said yesterday that the officers of Tammany Hall had traced 100,000 of the stamped envelopes containing a pamphlet entitled "Fair Play," which were got out in the last campaign, to a cellar in the downtown section of the city. It was not until some time after election, the story went, that it was discovered that some of the 100,000 pamphlets had not gone out through the mails. They were traced to Philadelphia and then back to this city. No attempt had been made to redeem the envelopes, so far as could be found.

Tammany Hall at the close of the campaign decided to send the pamphlet to every enrolled voter. It was said that a well known printing firm got \$17,000 for 70,000 envelopes with two-cent stamps on them and \$30,000 for printing the pamphlet. They were turned over to addressing concerns for mailing. How some of them were stolen has not been told. There is a suspicion that possibly more than 100,000 were taken.

LAWYER ACCUSED OF DIVORCE FRAUD

Dentist's Charge Will Be Heard
by Referee for Bar
Association.

The Appellate Division, acting on the complaint of the Bar Association, has sent to a referee for hearing the charges against Edward Herrmann, a lawyer, that he took \$2,500 from Dr. Finn L. Fossum, a dentist, of No. 616 Madison avenue, for getting a collusive divorce "without publicity" and then refusing to bring the suit after the evidence had been obtained.

The "plant" was set in Hoboken, where Dr. Fossum was "discovered" with another woman. Dr. Fossum told the Bar Association that Herrmann assured him that the suit was on the calendar when it had not been brought at all. Later, it was charged, Herrmann told Dr. Fossum it would be dangerous to start the suit, whereupon the client demanded his \$2,500. The attorney refused to give back the money, and the dentist sued, Herrmann settling the case for \$1,500.

Ambition in the Suburbs.

A most ambitious Christmas holiday number was that issued yesterday by "The Ridgewood Times," a weekly newspaper published in Queens. The supplement, half newspaper size, is well printed and illustrated on the paper, and its twenty-eight pages contain many stories and verses appropriate to the season, besides others of a business nature. The cover is a heavy deckle-edge paper, printed in green and blue. Altogether it is a creditable issue and up to the standards set by metropolitan newspapers.

CHARGES ALL SPITE WORK, GEORGE SAYS

Life Blameless, Asserts in
Statement—Trouble
Over Religion.

SEES PLOT TO RUIN
HIM BY ENEMIES

Happy That Republic Cause Re-
mains—Raps Charity Board
and Woman Sleuth.

William R. George, founder of the George Junior Republic, whose elimination from the affairs of that institution was recommended Wednesday by the State Board of Charities because of his alleged misconduct, issued a statement yesterday denying the charges. He said he had led a blameless life.

His complete statement was as follows: "It is maddening, after having established in the world a reputation for good character and service, to have my name dragged in the mire as a debaucher of womanhood. Those who know me need no reassurance from me that I am perfectly innocent, but the tortures of the damned begin in earnest when I think of the tens of thousands of people to whom I have spoken on public platforms, and that may be saying: 'Is it true, after all, that Daddy George is a lying hypocrite and a villain in disguise?'"

"The seed of the whole trouble is a radical difference of opinion between two hostile camps, those who believe in the self-governing principles of the Junior Republic as the best means for training boys and girls for good citizenship, and those who believe in paternalism and discipline from above and institutional methods. Certain members of the State Board of Charities cling tenaciously to methods which I believe to be outworn and wholly erroneous. With them for years I have been in conflict."

"Then I have had differences of opinion with others who lay an exaggerated stress upon emotional religion in the Republic. Furthermore, I have been much opposed to proselytizing of any description. For example, I have strongly objected to any effort to persuade Jewish and Catholic young men to forsake the faith of their parents. Naturally, I have made enemies. "Now what about this miserable stuff? A six-year-old charge, long ago investigated and discredited, even repudiated at one time by the one making it, has been dragged out with the idea of discrediting me as the founder of the republic and in order to thereby injure the work itself as a sort of horrible object lesson of what repulsive principles lead to. Finally, in 1912, at my insistence, the national association appointed a joint committee to investigate everything about me from my birth. My entire life has been one of sexual purity, as certain detectives have found to their chagrin."

"All my life has been spent in Piquette and New York City, and every little nook and cranny of my existence has been combed in vain. The committee, in order to settle this thing once and for all, secured as judges Joseph H. Choate, Samuel Seabury and Miss Lillian Wald to read all the testimony and give a verdict. The committee has spent months in going over my entire life. A woman detective, who has been trying to 'get me' went to the State Board of Charities and 'testified.' We were all led to believe, however, that the state board would take no action until the committee headed by Mr. Choate reported."

"Then suddenly and without warning the state board gives out a report carelessly convicting me by innuendo, though not in so many words. This seems to me to have been done in an effort to thoroughly discredit me and my associates in the work, for fear I shall be vindicated by the official investigating committee which has gone so intimately into my whole life and my whole work."

"I want to say right here to my friends and supporters that the republic cause will continue just as it has in the past. It will weather this effort to ruin it, just as it has weathered similar though less spectacular efforts in the past. Its cause is a just and righteous one, and around it is a group of earnest souls which are ready to live for it and die for it."

POLYGLOT CLASS AT N. Y. U.

Students from Eighteen Lands
Enrolled for This Year.

Dr. George C. Sprague, registrar of New York University, announced yesterday that New York University had students enrolled for this year from eighteen foreign countries. The largest number of students, Dr. Sprague said, came from the Orient, twenty from Japan and nine from China. Next in the list is Canada, which has five students in the university.

The fifteen other countries which have student representation in New York University are Alaska, Belgium, Cuba, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, India, Mexico, Newfoundland, Burma, Switzerland, British West Indies, Norway and Porto Rico.

Dance to Aid Hospital.

An informal dance will be given under the auspices of the Young Ladies and Gentlemen's League of the Hospital for Deformities and Joint Diseases, at the Leslie Rooms, 83d street and Broadway, Sunday evening, at 8:30 o'clock. Tickets may be had on application to Charles H. Harris, No. 142 West 24th street.

WAVES WARRANT; FILM SLAVES FLEE

Policeman Faces Under-
done Underworld Reel
with the Papers.

"BACK!" HE SAYS TO
CROWD; THEY DO

Motion Theatre Has "First Run"
of Trouble—Big Suit, and
Show Is Closed.

The police descended upon the moving picture play entitled "The Inside of the White Slave Traffic" at the Park Theatre, in Columbus Circle, last night, and closed the doors in the face of a large crowd of ticket holders and others clamoring for a chance to buy tickets.

Deputy Commissioner Newberger was behind it all. Magistrate Murphy authorized it, and Sergeant Quinn, of the deputy commissioner's staff, did it—the same team that broke in upon the prosperous police of the Cecil Spooner Theatre, in The Bronx, a couple of weeks ago. This and last night's raid were made under Section 119A of the penal law, which makes it a misdemeanor to give an improper theatrical performance.

Armed with a warrant issued by Magistrate Murphy, on complaint of Commissioner Newberger, for the arrest of Samuel H. London, the producer of the film play, Sergeant Quinn appeared at the Park Theatre last evening. He allowed the 7 o'clock performance to be recited off without molestation, and the management began to breathe more easily. Confident that the expected blow had been averted, they began to fill their house for the 8 o'clock turn.

Then, without warning, Sergeant Quinn blocked the doorway and announced resolutely that the show could not go on. He explained that he had come to serve a warrant, but had not been able to do so. He mentioned no names, but the failure of Mr. London to appear was the reason, and the sergeant got tired waiting. Magistrate Murphy's orders had been to arrest London and stop the performance.

Then along came Frederick E. Goldsmith, attorney for the theatre, and tried the powers of persuasion, with the result that he finally won Sergeant Quinn's consent to "avert a riot" by letting those who had found their seats see the show, while all others were turned away.

Mr. Goldsmith, then agreed that the third evening performance would be called off, and that Mr. London would be produced this morning at 10:30 before Magistrate Murphy. A hurry call was also sent out for "Colonel Abel" Gruber, who arrived posthaste in a taxicab and ratified the agreement. He announced also that an injunction against the police would be sought this morning in the Supreme Court, so that the show could go on unmolested to-day.

Last night's troubles were not the only ones that beset the producers of "The Inside of the White Slave Traffic" yesterday. Solomon Hechter and his wife filed suits for damages, aggregating \$50,000, against the producers, charging that photographs of their restaurant, at No. 28 Second avenue, with Mrs. Hechter in the doorway, appeared in the film, labelled "white slave headquarters."

Last night was not the first time the film play got into trouble with the police. Alfred P. Hamburg, manager of the Park Theatre, was taken before Magistrate Ten Eyck last Tuesday in the West Side court on complaint of Inspector Dwyer that the pictures were dangerous to the morals of girls. Mrs. C. H. P. Belmont and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt came to his defence, and the magistrate, after viewing the film, ruled there was no violation of any law.

THREE DEAD, TWO HURT IN DAY'S GANG FIGHTS

Gunmen, in Bad Humor, Range
the City and Engage in
Fatal Quarrels.

Gun-carrying gangsters ranged New York early yesterday morning in unusually ugly humor, and as a result three men were killed and two others seriously wounded in shootings at widely separated points.

One man was found dead in front of No. 254 East 105th street. He had been shot twice with an automatic gun. Letters in his pocket led the police to believe that he was Titta Parrara.

One, which was from his wife, said that she was coming over to join him by the next steamer, in order that she might pass Christmas with him and the children.

At 291 Broome street two men drew revolvers in a quarrel, and one dropped dead in the fusillade which followed.

Moses Burris, who shot a member of the "Pickles" gang a year ago, is in the Metropolitan Hospital in a serious condition. He was shot as he walked through East 105th street.

Daniel O'Connell, a laborer, living at No. 49 Tenth avenue, was seriously wounded in an exchange of shots between the "Gopher" and Owen Madden gangs. He was found at 35th street and Seventh avenue and taken to Bellevue Hospital, where it was said he would probably die.

Alexander Plotnik, who lived in Delancey street, near Orchard, was shot and killed in a café at No. 291 Broome street. The police are looking for a man with whom he had been quarrelling.

LABOR PROBLEM UNSOLVED

Professor Jenks Sees No Aid in
Gompers's Argument.

Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks, director of the university forum of New York University, summed up the December course of lectures and discussions on the subject of "Syndicalism or Trade Unionism; Relation to Workers," at the Judson Memorial Building, in Washington Square, yesterday. The next course will be held in February on the subject of "Immigration," and Senators Dillingham, of Vermont, and Stone, of Missouri, will be the lecturers.

Professor Jenks asserted in his summary yesterday that he differed with both Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Arturo M. Giovannitti, the two lecturers this month, on some of the fundamental points which they raised in favor of trade unionism and syndicalism, respectively.

It was said by Professor Jenks that he did not believe either labor leader had the best or most practical method of reaching an adjustment of the difficulties between labor and capital, but he failed to suggest a different method. He agreed with Gompers and Giovannitti in so far that he believed they both were working with a serious purpose and honest methods for the good of the laboring classes.

Statistics were offered by Professor Jenks to show that the condition of the workingman had improved for the ten years between 1899 and 1909, but that during the last three or four years prices of necessities had been going up faster than wages were proportionately increased. He asserted that the increase in prices was due to the increased output of gold, which lessens the purchasing power of a dollar.

Summer Tour for N. Y. U.

Dr. James E. Lough, director of the extramural division of New York University, announced yesterday that the university would conduct a tour through Germany next summer for the purpose of studying the German educational system. Dr. Kurt E. Richter will be in charge of the trip. All the important educational centres in Germany will be visited.

WANTS SUBWAY CONTRACT

Rejected Bidder Asks Injunction
Against Award to Rival.

The Thomas J. Buckley Engineering Company yesterday served upon Edward E. McCall, chairman of the Public Service Commission, an order to show cause why an injunction should not be issued restraining the commission from awarding the contract for the construction of Section No. 2 of routes Nos. 4 and 38, of the Seventh avenue subway in Manhattan to other than the Buckley Company. The order is signed by Justice John Ford, and is made returnable December 22.

Bids for the construction of the section were first opened on October 1, 1913, and the Buckley Company was at that time the lowest bidder at \$3,033,493.75. The chief engineer of the commission reported against awarding the contract to this company for several reasons, chief of which was that the company lacked the necessary experience and equipment to handle a section of work as difficult as that in downtown Manhattan, the work involving the supporting of many buildings and the elevated structure.

On receiving the report of the engineer the commission rejected all bids and advertised anew for bids, to be opened December 2, 1913. The Buckley Company was third at this bidding, but asserts that it would have been first except for errors made by a young woman clerk in transcribing certain of its figures.

Child Labor Exhibit Arranged.

The Emerson Society, No. 184 Eldridge street, in co-operation with the National Child Labor Committee, will hold a child labor exhibit in the University Settlement from December 22 to December 27, inclusive.

Homeless Man Takes Mercury.

Because hard luck had pursued him for a long time, James Foreman, fifty-seven years old, tried to end his life early yesterday morning by swallowing eight bihloride of mercury tablets. He was taken to the German Hospital, where it was said he would die. Patrolman Paulus found the man in a hallway at No. 1955 Broadway, Brooklyn.

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Foreman wanted to die, he said, because he had always met with misfortune, and had no home.

PRISON FOR TALKING PANIC

Mr. Church's House Bill Would
Check Calamity Howlers.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Church, a California Democrat, will introduce a bill to-day making it a penal offence for any person to make utterances which may lead in starting a panic or a period of financial depression. The Californian also would run down the person responsible for any panic, local or national, and inflict a penalty of not more than ten years in the penitentiary, a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

Newspapers and other publications which carry false statements regarding financial and industrial conditions would come under the Church ban and would be held responsible if his measure became a law.

The Church bill is regarded as a rebuke to the members of the House who are predicting trouble. Republicans who insist that hard times are about to overtake the country were not inclined to take the bill seriously.

"The Trap to Catch the Sun" by H. G. WELLS

is but one of the features of true Century quality that crowd the January number full of values.

William Allen White, of the Emporia Gazette, writing of the "new spirit of the Century," as shown in a recent issue, says, "That number marks the high-water mark of magazines in America. It is a forward thinking magazine; it has gathered and garnered and translated into the highest use all that was good in the cheap magazines of the past decade, and held and improved all that the other magazines held. It is

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